

(B) Section 202(f)(1)(C)(ii)(III) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(f)(2)(C)(ii)(III)) is amended by striking "paragraph (8)" and inserting "paragraph (7)".

(C) Section 226(e)(1)(A)(i) of such Act (as amended by subsection (a)(2)) is further amended by striking "202(f)(1)(B)(ii), and 202(f)(5)" and inserting "and 202(f)(1)(B)(i)".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to benefits for months after November 2002.

SEC. 3. EXEMPTION FROM TWO-YEAR WAITING PERIOD FOR DIVORCED SPOUSE'S BENEFITS UPON OTHER SPOUSE'S REMARRIAGE.

(a) WIFE'S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section 202(b)(5)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(b)(5)(A)) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "The criterion for entitlement under clause (ii) shall be deemed met upon the remarriage of the insured individual to someone other than the applicant during the 2-year period referred to in such clause."

(b) HUSBAND'S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section 202(c)(5)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(c)(5)(A)) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "The criterion for entitlement under clause (ii) shall be deemed met upon the remarriage of the insured individual to someone other than the applicant during the 2-year period referred to in such clause."

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO EXEMPTION OF INSURED INDIVIDUAL'S DIVORCED SPOUSE FROM EARNINGS TEST AS APPLIED TO THE INSURED INDIVIDUAL.—Section 203(b)(2)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 403(b)(2)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "The requirement under such clause (ii) shall be deemed met upon the remarriage of the insured individual to someone other than the individual referred to in paragraph (1) during the 2-year period referred to in such clause."

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to benefits for months after November 2002.

SEC. 4. MONTHS ENDING AFTER DECEASED INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH DISREGARDED IN APPLYING EARLY RETIREMENT RULES WITH RESPECT TO DECEASED INDIVIDUAL FOR PURPOSES OF LIMITATION ON WIDOW'S AND WIDOWER'S BENEFITS.

(a) WIDOW'S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section 202(e)(2)(D)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(e)(2)(D)(i)) is amended by inserting after "applicable," the following: "except that, in applying paragraph (7) of subsection (q) for purposes of this clause, any month ending with or after the date of the death of such deceased individual shall be deemed to be excluded under such paragraph (in addition to months otherwise excluded under such paragraph)."

(b) WIDOWER'S INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section 202(f)(3)(D)(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(f)(3)(D)(i)) is amended by inserting after "applicable," the following: "except that, in applying paragraph (7) of subsection (q) for purposes of this clause, any month ending with or after the date of the death of such deceased individual shall be deemed to be excluded under such paragraph (in addition to months otherwise excluded under such paragraph)."

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to benefits for months after November 2002.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 112—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 19, 2002, AS "NATIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK"

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. FRIST, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TORRICELLI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. DAYTON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. MILLER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BOND, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 112

Whereas emergency medical services are a vital public service;

Whereas the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;

Whereas emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others;

Whereas these emergency medical services teams served our country with bravery and heroism on September 11, 2001;

Whereas emergency medical personnel (emergency physicians, nurses, and emergency medical technicians) courageously defended the Nation when called upon to identify and treat anthrax, the bioterrorist weapon released in October 2001;

Whereas access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury;

Whereas providers of emergency medical services have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system;

Whereas approximately ¾ of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers;

Whereas the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, undergo thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills;

Whereas Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

Whereas injury prevention and the appropriate use of the emergency medical services system will help reduce health care costs and save lives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) designates the week beginning May 19, 2002, as "National Emergency Medical Services Week"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the

United States to observe such week with appropriate programs and activities.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 113—RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO DEVELOP THE NATIONAL PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR IN NEW WINDSOR, NEW YORK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mrs. CLINTON submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. CON. RES. 113

Whereas George Washington, at his headquarters in Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782, devised the Badge of Military Merit to be given to enlisted men and noncommissioned officers for meritorious action;

Whereas the Badge of Military Merit became popularly known as the "Purple Heart" because it consisted of the figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk edged with narrow lace or binding and was affixed to the uniform coat over the left breast;

Whereas Badges of Military Merit were awarded during the Revolutionary War by General George Washington at his headquarters, in Newburgh, New York, on May 3 and June 8, 1783;

Whereas the Badge of Military Merit, an award for valor in the Revolutionary War, is the inspiration for today's Purple Heart medal;

Whereas on the bicentennial of General Washington's birthday in February 1932, the Badge of Military Merit was redesignated by General Douglas MacArthur, then Chief of Staff of the Army, as the Purple Heart, to be awarded to persons killed or wounded in action against an enemy of the United States;

Whereas more than 800,000 members of the Armed Forces have been awarded the Purple Heart;

Whereas the Nation, as it fights the forces of evil that would undermine those democratic principles upon which the Nation was founded, continues to add brave members of the Armed Forces to the ranks of those who have received the Purple Heart;

Whereas the State of New York has dedicated substantial resources to the creation of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor to be constructed at the New Windsor Cantonment, a New York State Historic Site, in New Windsor, New York, to honor those individuals who have been awarded the Purple Heart and to inform and educate the people of the United States about the history and importance of this distinguished combat award;

Whereas the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor will be a permanent place of remembrance of the service and sacrifices made by the members of the Armed Forces wounded or killed in service to America from World War I through the current war against terrorism, both at home and abroad; and

Whereas the Nation continues to defend the American way, there will be a need for a distinguished place to honor those who in the future are awarded the Purple Heart for their service and sacrifice: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) recognizes and supports the efforts of the State of New York to develop the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor, New York;

(2) encourages the people of the United States to participate in the development of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor; and